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NURSING IN MISSION STATIONS

The following is taken from a letter to one of our correspondents.

I like to take the JOURNAL and go straight through it at a sitting. When I finish reading it I feel I have enough enthusiasm to start a big, new hospital running just as smoothly as one long organized in America is managed. Just how far all these pent-up dynamics will carry me remains to be seen. In the autumn I expect to go to Paotingfu where for the first year I suppose I shall give about half time to the hospital and half to studying. But the time for study will, after all, be given largely to the hospital, for I shall have to work out all the nurses' lessons in Chinese.

Peking has been having a health exhibit much like those held at home, with posters and models regarding tuberculosis, flies and various other things to be guarded against. It was given by the Department of the Interior, Board of Health and the Young Men's Christian Association. Some of the nurses from the hospital here went over to help demonstrate. There were stereopticon views (for men) in various parts of the city. I am glad that the Chinese could have such a thoroughly up-to-date exhibition.

Another class has graduated from the Union Training School for Nurses in Peking. Their commencement exercises were quite as attractive as any class of nurses could wish to have, with music by the Philharmonic orchestra, an address, and a talk by Mr. Greene, the resident director of the China Medical Board of the Rockefeller Foundation, who explained the scholarship plan for Chinese nurses in connection with American Hospitals, as reported last year. To have the plan brought before a group of nurses at such a time was really a very good idea. I do not know how closely you may followed the outlines for work of the China Medical Board, but it seems to me that their program is both far-reaching and practical. The hospital to which I expect to go is down as one of the places for giving interne work to graduates of the new Medical School and I am glad to be in such a very useful system.

The Lovisa-Holmes-Norton Hospital, at Haiju, Korea, started a training school for nurses, with three women and three men students in January. Instruction is given in anatomy, physiology, chemistry, arithmetic, practical nursing, Japanese, English and Bible. The classes are supplemented by daily demonstrations and practical experience in the ward and dispensary. Throughout the three years the course will conform to the Japanese Government curriculum beside as many other subjects as possible to aid in the development of the students. The hospital hopes to develop a system of visiting nursing. The school was established and is under the management of Delia M. Battles, class of 1915, Presbyterian Hospital, New York. Miss Battles was sent to Korea through the efforts of the Outlook class of the Methodist Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan, which pays her salary.